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- 2. Relevance of the non-English language references is discussed in the present specification. (See refs. 7 & 8)
- 3. A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language references appears in the Appendix attached hereto. (See refs. 7-15)
- 4. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached hereto. (See refs. 7, 10-12 & 15)

- 5. A computer-generated English translation of the following Japanese Patent Publications has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([<http://www.jpo.go.jp>]), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. (See refs. 7, 10 & 11)
- 6. The references were cited by or submitted to the Office in parent application No. 10/396,603, filed March 26, 2003, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120. Thus, copies of these references are not attached. 37 CFR §1.98(d). (See refs. 1 and 3-6)

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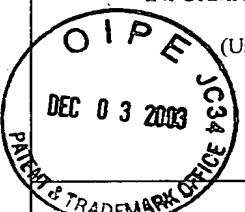
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	13	2-10349 (w/ explanation)	1/23/1990	Japan		
	14	7-21467 (w/ explanation)	5/17/95	Japan		
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## APPENDIX

- 7) Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. 2002-362814 with English abstract, which discloses a discharged sheet stack surface 7a in Fig. 2 or surfaces 7a1, 7a2 in Fig. 3.
- 8) Japanese Laid Open Utility Model Publication No. 6-61844. discloses a discharged sheet receiving surface 24a, a recess 70 and a stopper 73.
- 9) Japanese Laid Open Utility Model Publication No. 5-1755 discloses recesses 14, 14 and a plate member 3.
- 10) Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. 10-330015 with English abstract, which discloses a stopper 26 and a friction surface 37.
- 11) Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. 11-157732 with English abstract, which discloses a discharged sheet tray 4 having recesses 50, 51.
- 12) Japanese Patent Publication No. 6-10064 with English abstract, which discloses a stacker 5 having a recess 5h in Fig. 6.
- 13) Japanese Laid Open Utility Model Publication No. 2-10349 discloses a discharged sheet tray 47 having a recess 47c.
- 14) Japanese Utility Model Publication No. 7-21467 discloses a discharged sheet tray 2 having a projected portion 3 and a slant portion 3a.
- 15) Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. 62-153059 with English abstract, which discloses a discharged sheet tray 2 having an extended member 3 and a stopper 4.